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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This paper is in response to the Office Action of May 21, 2002. A Petition for Three-Month Extension of Time and the required fee are enclosed. With the extension of time, this Response is due on November 21, 2002.

No additional fee is believed to be due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-1133.

AMENDMENTS UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

In the Claims

Kindly amend claims 1-3 and 12-14 as follows:

1. A method for purifying water, wherein the water contains both (i) ionizable and/or ionized organic carbon compounds and (ii) non-ionized and/or non-ionizable organic carbon compounds, such method comprising the steps of:

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